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City of South Pasadena Releases Mapping Tools with Official 2020 Census Data

The State of California released its official data from the U.S. Census late September, including its adjustments for the State prison population. The City of South Pasadena, like other California cities redrawing district boundary lines, is using the 2020 Census data to establish new Council districts.

Redistricting determines how neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purposes of electing a City

Councilmember for an individual district. At the workshops,

participants will be provided with an overview of the redistricting

process and introduced to the map drawing tools. Residents have an opportunity to participate in the redistricting process by drawing their own map or district.

Understanding that individuals process information differently and have various comfort levels with technical applications, the City is offering residents different mapping tools to draw new maps for consideration. These include:

- Paper maps with population counts that can be printed, drawn on and submitted to the City via email at redistricting@southpasadenaca.gov. Maps can also be mailed to City Hall Management Services Department, 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.
- An online application called Dave's Redistricting App (DRA), which enables residents to create, view, analyze and share redistricting maps with other community members.
- A mapping tool to draw maps, census block by census block, and submit maps electronically called Caliper's Maptitude Online Redistricting.
- An interactive review map, similar to Google maps, where residents can explore population numbers and other statistics, as well as view and analyze draft maps once they are available.

These mapping tools have been added to the City's redistricting website at <u>southpasadenaca.gov/redistricting</u>. Residents can access and provide detailed feedback at their convenience.

The next public hearing will be held on January 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. <u>via Zoom</u> and <u>streamed virtually</u>. During the meeting, the City's demographer will provide an overview of the redistricting process and the mapping tools.

The City will be hosting another virtual community workshop on January 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to gather public input on communities of interest and preferred district boundaries. The City's demographer will also provide a demonstration of each of the mapping tools.

Community members can submit as many maps as they would like throughout the entire redistricting process. The deadline to submit maps to be considered for first review is February 18, 2022. Draft maps will be reviewed during the Public Hearing scheduled for March 2, 2022.

For more information on South Pasadena's redistricting process, mapping tools or to sign up for updates and information, visit southpasadenaca.gov/redistricting.